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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 25

SUBJECT: Central Register of Intelligence Information

1. The Problem:

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a. Prior to the organization of the Central Planning Staff, Captain [REDACTED] prepared some outline notes regarding the possible establishment of a machine records system for registering intelligence information in the files of government departments. Action on these notes was deferred pending the solution of higher priority problems. The notes are being furnished to the Support Branch separately.

b. Paragraph 1 c (2) of Planning Directive No. 14, and paragraph 1 d of Intelligence Branch memorandum for Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff, dated 11 April, subject: Resources Potential Program, show that attention should be given to the general problem of keeping intelligence information current and checking it for adequacy.

c. The problems outlined in a and b, above, appear to be phases of a single broad problem which should be studied.

2. Planning Requirement:

a. The Intelligence Branch, assisted by the Support Branch, will consider the notes referred to in 1 a, above, and will then investigate:

- (1) Whether there is need for a system of periodic checks to determine whether the intelligence information on file in various departments is current and adequate.
- (2) Whether there is need for a central index or register of the intelligence information on file; and, if so, what functions such a register might perform.
- (3) What system or systems should be considered. In this connection, the possible application of business machinery to the problem will be investigated.

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(4) What further steps should be taken by the Central Planning Staff.

b. The Intelligence Branch will submit a report and recommendation, with concurrence or comment by the Support Branch, showing what further action should be taken by the Central Planning Staff.

3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be made on 13 May 1946.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Acting Deputy Chief, Central Planning Staff

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